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TAGS: PBOR, ET, SO, US

SUBJECT: ENCOURAGEMENT OF ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI NEGOTIATIONS

1. DEPT. IS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A PROGRAM OF ACTION COMPRISING STEPS WE COULD TAKE, OR STIMULATE OTHER NATIONS TO TAKE, TO MOVE ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS AND AWAY FROM A CONFLICT WHICH THREATENS TO ESCALATE IN INTENSITY AND OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT.

2. WE VISUALIZE ADDITIONAL DIRECT CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND EFFORTS TO RE-VITALIZE THE WORK OF THE OAU MEDIATION COMMISSION CHAIRED BY NIGERIA. WE WILL BE STUDYING WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT SUPPLEMENT THE OAU

MEDIATION COMMISSION'S ROLE THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH BOTH CONTENDING PARTIES (E.G., ITALY) WE WILL ALSO BE EXAMINING WHAT COUNTRIES MIGHT HAVE SUFFICIENT ACCESS AND INFLUENCE WITH EACH OF THE COMBATANTS TO APPROACH THEM SEPARATELY TO ARGUE FOR SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS (E.G., YUGOSLAVIA AND INDIA WITH ETHIOPIA; SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND IRAN WITH SOMALIA).

3. RELATED TO THIS PROGRAM OF ACTION WILL BE CONSIDERATION OF WHAT WE MIGHT DO TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS (E.G., IVORY COAST'S HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY) TO EFFECTIVELY REDUCE KENYA'S CONCERNS  
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ABOUT SOMALI IRREDENTISM IN ITS NORTHEAST.

4. AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY WE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS OUR PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTION WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES, PARTICULARLY FRANCE, THE FRG, THE UK AND ITALY.

5. THIS MESSAGE IS FOR YOU INFORMATION ONLY. NO ACTION OTHER THAN YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS (WHICH WE WOULD WELCOME) IS REQUIRED. VANCE

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